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SUBJECT: NEWS RELEASE ON WIESBADEN-KAISERSLAUTERN EXCHANGE

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1. ON OR ABOUT 1 AUGUST 1975, AIR FORCE AND ARMY FORCES
WILL BEGIN PRELIMINARY MOVES TO FACILITATE THE STATIONING
OF AN ARMY BRIGADE IN WIESBADEN IN CY-1976. REQUEST YOU
NOTIFY ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO ADDRESSEES AS SOON AS YOU
HAVE NOTIFIED APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES. NEWS
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RELEASE WILL BE A COMBINED SIMULTANEOUS USAREUR/USAFE
RELEASE IN EUROPE ON 29 JULY.

2. QTE: HEIDELBERG-US ARMY, EUROPE (USAREUR) AND US AIR

FORCES, EUROPE (USAFE) PLAN TO EXCHANGE SOME FACILITIES IN GERMANY DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS WHICH WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF US ARMY UNITS STATIONED IN THE WIESBADEN AREA AND THE NUMBER OF US AIR FORCE UNITS STATIONED IN THE KAISERSLAUTERN AREA. THIS EXCHANGE, WHICH HAS BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED WITH THE FRG AUTHORITIES, IS NECESSITATED BY THE INCREASE IN US COMBAT FORCES IN THE FRG ASSIGNED TO NATO DEFENSE. THE INCREASE IN US COMBAT FORCES DOES NOT INVOLVE AN INCREASE IN THE OVERALL FORCE LEVELS IN GERMANY, BUT

DOES REFLECT THE INCREASE IN THE COMBAT-TO-SUPPORT TROOP RATIO REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 93-365. USAFE WILL SHIFT MANY OF ITS UNITS CURRENTLY IN WIESBADEN TO THE KAISERSLAUTERN-RAMSTEIN-SEMBACH AREA, WHILE USAREUR WILL MOVE A BRIGADE TO THE WIESBADEN AIR FORCE BASE. THE 3800-MAN BRIGADE WILL START TO MOVE TO THE WIESBADEN AIR BASE EARLY IN 1976. RECOGNIZING THE POPULARITY OF WIESBADEN AS A TOURIST CENTER, CAPITAL CITY AND POPULAR EUROPEAN SPA, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO STATION ANY ARMY UNITS WITHIN THE CITY ITSELF. THE ARMY WILL SHIFT 2700 OF ITS TROOPS FROM THE KAISERSLAUTERN AREA WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR TO VARIOUS OTHER LOCATIONS IN GERMANY, MAKING ROOM FOR AN EQUAL NUMBER OF AIR FORCE TROOPS TO MOVE TO KAISERSLAUTERN FROM WIESBADEN. AN ADDITIONAL 1100 PERSONNEL IN EACH OF THE TWO SERVICES WILL RELOCATE BY THE END OF JUNE 1978. WHEN THESE MOVES ARE COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 1000 USAFE PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN IN THE WIESBADEN AREA. REVERSING THE CURRENT ROLES, A SENIOR USAFE COMMANDER WILL BECOME THE PRINCIPAL US FORCES REPRESENTATIVE IN THE KAISERSLAUTERN AREA WHILE USAREUR WILL APPOINT THE MILITARY COMMUNITY COMMANDER IN THE WIESBADEN AREA. THE PLANNED EXCHANGE OF FACILITIES BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF THE US FORCES IS DESIGNED TO STREAMLINE ARMY AND AIR FORCE SUPPORT AND COMBAT OPERATIONS. MOST OF THE CIVILIAN WORKERS INVOLVED WILL BE RETAINED, AND THE SERVICE ASSUMING PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES IN

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EACH AREA, EITHER THE ARMY OR THE AIR FORCE, WILL EMPLOY AS MANY OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE OTHER SERVICE AS POSSIBLE. UNQTE.

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